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A Woman Learns Ways to Prosper



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USAID's Internet Access Technology program created opportunities for disabled people to learn skills and enter gainful employment.

Unemployed and struggling with the confines of cerebral paralysis, Lachin Yagshyeva came to USAID's internet access and training program (IATP) center in Turkmenabat looking for a way to help herself become financially secure.

Today, she is offering private word processing services from the convenience of her home. Ms. Yagshyeva's success comes as a result of her graduation from USAID's computer productivity training. She mastered computer technology and typing skills using Solo Keyboard software during a series of Internet Communication training courses at the IATP Center in Turkmenabat which is funded by USAID. On April 19, Yagshyeva successfully completed her first order, compiling a set of professional documents for a local entrepreneur who was applying to register his business. Yagshyeva also assists her clients with

creating electronic versions of paper manuscripts, historical documents and an improved quality of life and integrated her into her community.

"Before my training I was subsisting on a government support which was very little. Now I have a chance to earn money independently and create a better life for myself. All of this is because of the IT training USAID provided me."

For disabled people in Turkmenistan, USAID is working to broaden their lives through technology training and support.